

HONORING 30 YEARS OF KUBOTA  
MANUFACTURING IN THE  
UNITED STATES

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kubota Manufacturing's 30-year presence in the United States. Planting its roots in my hometown of Gainesville, this company specializes in tractor manufacturing.

In the past few decades, several international companies like Kubota have made Northeast Georgia their home. For Kubota, what began as a 60,000 square foot plant with 44 team members in 1988 grew to the 2.5 million square foot plant with 2,600 team members that we see today.

Instead of settling for one plant's success, Kubota chose to open additional manufacturing plants in Kansas and Texas, and, in 2005, the company founded the Kubota Industrial Equipment Corporation based in nearby Jefferson, Georgia.

To celebrate its 30-year anniversary, Kubota Manufacturing donated \$1 million to the Lanier Technical College Foundation. This gift will help finance Lanier Technical College's new Hall County Campus, which is scheduled to open in the spring of next year.

Whether it's a student at Lanier Technical College or one of the company's employees, Kubota demonstrates the importance of investing in our nation's workforce—preparing men and women for the jobs our modern world requires.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Kubota Manufacturing for using its success to support the communities in my corner of Georgia. I look forward to seeing this company's presence continue to grow over the next 30 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DIANE BLACK**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call votes on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 219, NAY on Roll Call No. 220, NAY on Roll Call No. 221, NAY on Roll Call No. 222, YEA on Roll Call No. 223, YEA on Roll Call No. 224, NAY on Roll Call No. 225, NAY on Roll Call No. 226, YEA on Roll Call No. 227, and NAY on Roll Call No. 228.

RECOGNIZING THE INSPIRING LIFE  
OF RIA BAUMGARTNER FRANCOMB

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rita Baumgartner Francomb, who lived an inspiring life as the first woman to enlist in any of the women's military organizations during World War II from Elizabeth, Illinois.

Ms. Francomb trained at Hunter College in New York City and was sworn into the Women's Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) for the Navy in Chicago, Illinois in 1943. She was a chief secretary of correspondence at the Naval Supply Depot in Oakland, California, attaining the rank of Yeoman First Class. After her Naval career, she resumed her position as assistant cashier at Elizabeth Bank.

It is because of dedicated women such as Ms. Rita Baumgartner Francomb that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Rita Baumgartner Francomb's life and her service to this great country.

TRIBUTE TO CENTENNIAL MIDDLE  
SCHOOL'S MATHCOUNTS TEAM

**HON. JOHN R. CURTIS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor Centennial Middle School's MATHCOUNTS team, which won the Utah State MATHCOUNTS contest this year and sent multiple students to represent Utah at the 2018 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition, where they placed in the top ten.

The MATHCOUNTS Foundation is a non-profit organization that helps middle school students nurture and enhance their abilities in mathematics. The foundation was created in 1983 and has since helped countless middle school students overcome their fear of and develop a love for mathematics.

The MATHCOUNTS Foundation hosts the annual Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition, which brings in Mathletes from all 50 States to compete. These Mathletes compete head-to-head with other teams to solve difficult math problems in timed exams. Since the competition was first held in 1984, it has grown to become the most prestigious middle school mathematics competition in the nation.

Centennial Middle School, located in Provo, Utah, has participated in the MATHCOUNTS program for many years. To prepare for the statewide competition in March, participating students spent many afterschool hours training, practicing, and expanding their mathematics skills. The Centennial Middle School MATHCOUNTS team won the Utah statewide competition and had the honor of sending multiple students and their coach to represent Utah at the national contest. The Utah team placed ninth in the nation, making it the first time Utah has placed in the top ten and also took home the award for most improved team.

These prestigious and hard-earned awards demonstrate the significant efforts of parents, teachers, and the team's coach, Ryan Camacho, in cultivating a love of mathematics among students at Centennial Middle School.

Centennial Middle School's accomplishments indicate a promising future for mathematics achievement in Utah. As students in Utah and across the country continue to participate in competitions like MATHCOUNTS, they will be better prepared to succeed in emerging careers in mathematics. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating this outstanding accomplishment.

CONGRATULATING SIGNATURE  
SCHOOL IN EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

**HON. LARRY BUCSHON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Signature School in Evansville, Indiana for being named the ninth best charter school in the United States, the seventeenth best high school in the United States, and best high school in Indiana by U.S. News and World Report in its 2018 rankings.

Founded in 1992, Signature School became Indiana's first public charter school in 2002. Located on Main Street in downtown Evansville, Signature School has offered an advanced education for students all over Southwest Indiana for over 25 years. The education young Hoosiers receive at Signature School not only helps them prepare for college, but also for success in life. Signature School students routinely out perform national SAT and ACT averages, are recognized as National Merit Finalists, achieve a 100 percent graduation rate, and are offered millions of dollars in college scholarships.

Ensuring all Hoosiers have access to a quality education is of the utmost importance because today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. I am grateful for Signature School's commitment to educating young Hoosiers and congratulate them on receiving this outstanding distinction.

JANE POOLE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jane Poole for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jane Poole is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jane Poole is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jane Poole for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO FREMONT COUNTY  
EXTENSION

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fremont County Extension for 100 years of service to Fremont

County, Iowa. The 100th anniversary is a testament to the great work that is performed every day by the staff at the Fremont County Extension.

Established 100 years ago in 1918, the Fremont County Extension hired its first extension agent that year after the Iowa State Legislature passed the Extension Act. The Extension agency provides needed research-based information to Fremont County. The services include 4-H youth programs, agriculture and natural resources research and assistance, human sciences, and community economic development. Mandy Maher, Program Coordinator for the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach-Fremont County said, "One hundred years ago, Fremont County Extension was organized, and the mission then was and is similar to what it is today, to provide education and build partnerships designed to solve today's issues and prepare for the future."

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Fremont County Extension and its staff for providing dedicated, committed, and crucial services to families and individuals every day. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Fremont County Extension for achieving 100 years of service. I wish the Fremont County Extension and all of the staff continued success in the future.

#### CELEBRATING THE PLATTSBURGH STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Plattsburgh State University Police Department on its 50th anniversary.

The Plattsburgh State University Police Department is responsible for keeping the largest university in New York's 21st district a safe place for students to learn. The officers are exceptionally trained to respond to physical and mental health crises, campus safety concerns, and other emergencies. They are dedicated to keeping the campus community and surrounding city of Plattsburgh safe and secure.

The Department is an integral part of the SUNY Plattsburgh campus. It demonstrates a commitment to crime prevention and campus policing, as well as successfully aligns with the university's educational mission and prides itself on its student-centered approach.

On behalf of New York's 21st district, I would like to congratulate the Plattsburgh State University Police Department on an exceptional 50 years and thank the officers for their dedicated service and commitment to keeping SUNY Plattsburgh safe and secure.

#### CONGRATULATING THE FLOWERY BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' TENNIS TEAM

##### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Flowery Branch

High School boys' tennis team on winning the state title—the first championship in the program's history.

The Falcons persevered through a difficult season, enduring illnesses, short-handed line-ups, and an exhausting postseason. Despite these challenges, the team continued to exhibit their best effort and earned a spot in the championship against Buford High School.

With only two starting seniors, this young team had never advanced past the second round of playoffs.

After a four-hour match, Jack Thomas—one of the team's freshmen players—overcame an opponent who had defeated him twice before and helped his team clinch the victory.

Mr. Speaker, this group of young men remind Northeast Georgians that hard work paves the road to success. I am honored to highlight the Falcons' achievement and congratulate the team on their outstanding season.

#### ISAAC NAFTZ

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Isaac Naftz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Isaac Naftz is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Isaac Naftz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Isaac Naftz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### RECOGNIZING CAMBRIDGE, ILLINOIS' 175TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the town of Cambridge, Illinois on its 175th Anniversary. The community was named by Judge Joseph Tillson in 1843, and has been thriving ever since.

Cambridge, Illinois has a rich history and is an integral part of Henry County. After its founding in 1843, it was incorporated a decade later when J.S. Hinman served as the first village president. Cambridge is an unusual county seat built around two public squares instead of one, which includes Court Square and College Square Park. The first house in the village was built by blacksmith Lord John Russell near the southeast corner of College Square and the courthouse was the heart of the community.

It is because of villages like Cambridge, Illinois that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the village of Cambridge, Illinois on its 175th Anniversary.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MR. GARY SHAFFERMAN

##### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the public service of Mr. Gary Shafferman, Principal of Edward S. Marcus High School in Flower Mound, Texas and congratulate him on his retirement after a successful thirty-five year career in education. Upon retirement, his dedication and leadership will be greatly missed by his Lewisville ISD colleagues, as well as the students and parents he served so well at Marcus High School.

Mr. Shafferman received his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the University of North Texas. He began his career in education as a science teacher and coach in Grand Prairie ISD. Prior to spending ten years as principal at Marcus High School, he served at schools across North Texas as a coach, teacher, counselor, assistant principal, and principal. Throughout his career, Mr. Shafferman has fostered close working relationships amongst community leaders, parents, and staff, and he has encouraged his students to pursue excellence and achieve their greatest potential.

Please join me in recognizing Mr. Gary Shafferman, Principal of Marcus High School, for his commitment to the teaching profession, his sincere dedication to the education and well-being of his students, and his many years of exemplary public service. It is a privilege to represent the students, families, teachers, and staff of Lewisville ISD in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF MRS. SALLIE CHALFIN AFTER 28 YEARS OF TEACHING

##### HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 25, 2018*

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Sallie Chalfin, who is retiring this month after 28 years of teaching. Sallie has impacted thousands of students' lives over the course of her teaching career, primarily teaching middle school mathematics and social studies.

Born in Springfield, Illinois, Sallie graduated with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona. She first taught at Alta E. Butler Elementary School in Phoenix, followed by Tavan Elementary School and Laguna Elementary School in Scottsdale. Sallie then spent a short time teaching in Ooltewah, Tennessee at Snow Hill Elementary School before moving back to the Valley of the Sun to spend nearly 14 years teaching at Mountainside Middle School. For the last four years she has